

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gideon Wing W26020

Abigail Wing

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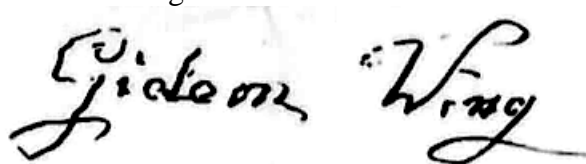
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I Gideon Wing, aged seventy four years, a citizen of the United States born in Falmouth, Barnstable County Massachusetts, but now of Fairfax in the District of Maine, upon oath testify and declare, that I enlisted as a private soldier into the Continental service of the United States, the last of December 1776 or the first of January 1777 for the term of three years, into the company, commanded by Captain Carter [perhaps, John Champe Carter of the Virginia Artillery], and Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison [perhaps Charles Harrison of the Virginia Artillery] of the Virginia line. I fully served out my term of three years, and took my discharge from the Army honorably at Plaquemine, near West Point, on the last of December 1779 or the beginning of January 1780. I have since lost my pocket book containing my discharge and other papers. I was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & I wintered part of a winter at Valley Forge. I am indigent, and in need of the bounty of the government. And I do hereby relinquish all my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any; but I am not to my knowledge now on any pension list whatever. I request that I may be placed on the pension list of the District of Maine.

S/ Gideon Wing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gideon Wing". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of Maine, Kennebec County, SS

On this twelfth day of June 1820, personally appeared before Nathan Weston Jr Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Counties of Lincoln, Kennebec and Somerset, being a Court of Record for said Counties, proceeding according to the course of the common law, having original jurisdiction, unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Gideon Wing aged seventy six years, resident in China in the County of Kennebec within said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz., in the Company commanded by Captain Carter and Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison of the State of Virginia upon the Continental Establishment, for the period of three years and was in the battle of Monmouth, that his original declaration was made before

Judge Weston on the 31st day of March 1818; and that he is now on the Maine Roll, and that his pension certificate is numbered 6920. And I, the said Gideon Wing do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

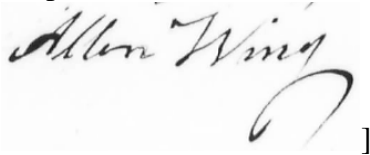
S/ Gideon Wing

The following is a Schedule of my Estate and income, necessary clothing and bedding excepted, viz.: one cow of the value of \$15 one swine of the value of \$6, household furniture, besides necessary bedding, not exceeding \$5, one old ax & one old hoe & one old shovel all of the value of \$2. I have no debts due to me that can be collected, and I owe as much as \$30. My income does not exceed \$5 a year. I am by occupation a farmer but from age and being very Rheumatic, and totally unable to labor or even to dress or undress without assistance. My family at home consists of myself, my wife Abigail aged seventy, who is now very infirm. Except the foregoing and my necessary clothing and bedding I have no property or income whatever.

S/ Gideon Wing

[p 10: On July 29, 1836 in Kennebec County Maine, Abigail Wing of Albion, aged 86 years, made application for a widow's pension as the widow of Gideon Wing, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him February 25, 1767; that her husband died February 7, 1821 and that she remains his widow; that a record of their marriage was made in their family Bible many years ago; that she has a son now 68 years of age who was born after said marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 25: On July 4, 1836, in Waterville, Kennebec County Maine, Allen Wing, 66 on August 27 last, gave testimony in support of his mother's application for a pension stating that he believes his parents were married at least two years prior to his birth.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 31, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]

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Addendum to Gideon Wing W26020

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 June 2023.

[Among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) are documents pertaining to Abigail Wing's application for bounty land for services rendered by her late husband. These documents add no new information about his services or family.]

1837 July 24

If there exist proofs (as stated in the petition) of G. Wing's service three years & could be produced being Certified copies of any evidence in the Pension office would answer

Rejected but without prejudice to it when further ev. shall be adduced.